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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 29-50 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 29-50 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 29-32~~are~~ rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 29 recites the limitation "to perform one of said cryptographic systems". It is unclear how a system is performed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 29-50, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Le et al., US Patent number 5,883,956.

With regard to claims 29, 39, 43, and 47, Le discloses a cryptographic feature enablement system (column 10 lines 25-29), including a processing unit (column 10 line 29) a cryptographic chip (SPU, abstract) including circuitry configured to perform encryption and decryption for a plurality of cryptographic systems (column 7 lines 51-56) a non-volatile read/write memory storing an encrypted token (column 6 lines 51-53) including encrypted initialization data (column 5 lines 33-52) for enabling circuitry

configured to perform one of the cryptographic systems in the cryptographic chip (column 4 line 65-column 5 line 4), a bus connecting the processing unit to the non-volatile memory and the cryptographic chip (column 6 lines 54-55) to transmit data between the processing unit, the non-volatile memory and the cryptographic chip, (Figure 1), and token authentication circuitry in the non-volatile memory to authenticate the encrypted initialization data in the encrypted token (column 5 lines 39-52) wherein the initialization data enables the circuitry in the cryptographic chip to perform encryption and decryption of data for one of the plurality of cryptographic systems (column 7 lines 51-56). Le does not disclose the initialization information should be decrypted, since it is not completely encrypted. Le does disclose that encrypting initialization information increases security (column 7 lines 5-15) and discloses the token should be secure for authentication reasons (column 5 lines 12-20). It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to encrypt the token to make it more secure while still proving authentication.

With regard to claims 31, 42, 46, and 50, Le discloses that the system-specific information can be the MAC address (column 6 lines 1-4).

With regard to claims 32, 41, 45, and 49, Le discloses hashing the public key with the device ID (column 11 lines 59-64), thus creating a private key. Le also discloses the possibility of using public/private keys (column 14 lines 7-43).

With regard to claims 33-38, Le discloses that the system has a default security level, and is being reconfigured (column 4 line 65-column 5 line 4).

With regard to claims 30, 40, 44, and 48, Le discloses a non-volatile memory, as outlined above, but does not specify a FLASH memory. The examiner takes official notice that flash memory is a commonly used type of non-volatile memory. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use Le's cryptographic control in a system using FLASH memory to allow for dynamic capability control.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 12 December 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With regard to applicant's argument that the chip of Le receives configuration token from outside, the examiner points out that the claim does not specify the origin of the token.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7 AM-3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571-272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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